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CORRECTED FIRST AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the communication from the examiner dated 11/09/2004, the following response is submitted.

**a.) Introductory Comments**

The applicants and their attorney wish to thank the Examiner for her prompt and helpful response to our queries of February 7, 2005.

The following amendments are hereby submitted.